

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell
Cllr's Spiers, Stone, Norman and Mrs Tyler
District Cllr Hitchins
County Cllr Hart

Apologies: Cllrs Taffurelli, Small, McIver and Mrs Burkill
PC Holly Lynch
Elaine Budd

5 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
8/18(c)	<p>Broadband</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Orders the Chairman brought forward the agenda item on Broadband as Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon and Somerset was at the meeting to answer the various issues raised regarding superfast broadband in the parish.</p> <p>The Chairman started by thanking all of those people who took the time to respond to the request for information on any broadband issues they were experiencing. This was extremely helpful in highlighting the issues to Matt.</p> <p>Matt confirmed that whilst some of Shaugh Prior was included within Phase 1 of the superfast broadband roll-out (which was fibre to premise), the areas of Wotter and Lee Moor could not be included due to the line distance between the cabinet (which is located at Beatland Cross) and the majority of the properties. Therefore Wotter and Lee Moor would come under Phase 2 which is being implemented by Airband and which relies upon line of sight. Around 15-20% of all properties in Devon and Somerset would not be covered under Phase 1.</p>	

<p>119/18</p> <p>120/18</p> <p>121/18</p>	<p>Matt did mention that there were lots of data system errors on the part of BT and they are currently working through those errors (many of these data errors are as a result of historical data entries dating back to the 1970's and 80's). Those errors are behind the issues highlighted where a neighbouring property has broadband but the property next door has been told by BT that they cannot get it. If you consider that there is an obvious data error then Matt suggested you drop him an email at:</p> <p>matt.barrow@devon.gov.uk</p> <p>If there are groups of 3 or more properties together wanting to get Broadband then there is the option of the BT Community Fibre Partnership to provide improved fibre cabling from the cabinet to the premise. The cost can vary between £2k and £10k (depending on distance) but under the Local Full Fibre Network Scheme grants can be obtained to help towards these costs – if it's less than £3k then it could be funded fully by grants.</p> <p>Moving forward Matt suggested that properties wishing to secure broadband should in the first instance speak to Airband – 01905 676121 or https://www.airband.co.uk</p> <p>The majority of the properties in Wotter and Lee Moor should be able to get superfast broadband via Airband. He also confirmed that further option was to use the voucher scheme to get a 4g aerial mounted on your property which can then be used to get broadband to the property (this is a good option for more remote properties). This is a good 'quick fix' option. Further information on the CDS voucher scheme for Phase 2 will be going out in the next few months. The website address is:</p> <p>https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk</p> <p>Finally Matt did mention that a clawback scheme was in operation with BT so that a proportion of their profits go back to CDS to then be reinvested into areas in Devon and Somerset where fibre to the premise has not been provided. This money would be used to upgrade the cabling infrastructure to allow fibre to the premise to be realised. Matt confirmed that several areas have been identified in the two counties including Wotter and Lee Moor.</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Nothing further was raised.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that none had been received.</p> <p>Police Report</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no report had been received prior to the meeting.</p>	
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122/18	<p>County and District Cllrs Report</p> <p>County Cllr Hart started by mentioning he would be away for the next meeting and offered his apologies. He was also glad that Matt Barrow had attended the meeting so some of the broadband issues could be addressed first-hand and hopefully some progress would now be made. He mentioned that there had been some problems with gig-a-clear in other areas of the County. DCC are currently looking at a balanced budget for 2018 although there is likely to be an overspend of £8-9m in Children's Services. This has resulted in all budgets being reviewed. However work on addressing the backlog of potholes continues. The County are now looking at the budget for 2019/2020. Cllr Hart mentioned that there had been a reduction in funding from Central Government of around £300m over the past 9 years. A recent visit of the new Health Minister to Derriford Hospital revealed how well different agencies worked together which was pleasing. Finally Cllr Hart made reference to the potential for Parish Council based care warden who could look in on the elderly and less able during the colder winter months, the idea being of getting people out of hospital quicker and preventing them from going back in straight away (which often happens at the current time).</p> <p>With regard to District Council matters Cllr Hitchins mentioned speed enforcement recently carried out in Bickleigh which had caught a number of offenders. He mentioned much of the previous week had involved the new community at Sherford, with a new masterplan agreed at SHDC planning committee and a visit to the new primary school. He mentioned that there were some issues with the new temporary road layout. SHDC had recently had a visit from the NFU which highlighted concerns they had on agricultural planning matters. He also mentioned that some planning enforcement cases in the parish had recently been addressed and that the District was now firmly focussed on setting the budget for the next financial year.</p>	
123/18	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>The DNPA had experienced a very successful year in terms of visitor numbers to the National Park, helped by the very good weather over the summer. The Meldon Wildlife Day was very well attended. The Park is currently in the middle of the Julian Glover review and details are awaited on the findings of that review. The Dartmoor Crime Partnership has been set-up to address illegal activities taking place on the moor such as raves, anti-social behaviour etc. Lots of excavation is taking place at Hay Tor with many artefacts having been found which could push the Bronze Age back by 5000 years. Volunteers are currently working on the old clay works site whilst the Local Plan Review is on-going and the revised document is now out for consultation. Cllr Stone made reference to a recent conflict between a cycle race and a pony drift. It was all agreed</p>	

124/18	<p>that this could have been avoided through better communication.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018</p> <p>It was agreed that the draft minutes circulated to Cllrs were an accurate record of the minutes of the September PC meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	
125/18	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/18(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed he had spoken to BradleyTech on the design of the speed reduction scheme at Wotter and would give a further update at the next PC meeting.</p>	Clerk
8/18(b)	<p>The Clerk also agreed to chase Nick Colton of DCC Highways on the missing Lee Moor village sign and place a further order for rock salt to be delivered to the PC Chairman.</p> <p>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</p> <p>After much inactivity Cllr Spiers confirmed that a meeting of the Newnham Solar Fund had now taken place and asked if it could now be referred to as such on future meeting minutes/agenda's.</p> <p>Cllr Spiers mentioned that the fund was now active and bids were being sought towards local community projects. Application forms for grants could be downloaded from the Newnham Solar Fund website and at present there was £45k in the account. He also confirmed that it was a very positive meeting and that Solarplicity where no longer involved in the project.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should make an application to the fund for the proposed improvements to Lee Moor Play Area once we have received the 3 separate quotations from different providers. A further meeting of the community fund was due to take place in January 2019.</p>	Clerk
8/18(c)	<p>Broadband</p> <p>This matter was discussed at the start of the meeting (see above).</p>	
8/18(e)	<p>Lee Moor Play Area Improvements</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he was due to meet a play equipment provider out on-site at Lee Moor on the following Monday (8th October). He was also arranging to get further quotations from a further 2 play area companies before then arranging a meeting of the play area sub-committee to determine which scheme we go ahead with.</p>	Clerk
50/18	<p>Stan Finemore Memorial</p>	

65/18	<p>Unfortunately the stonemason who was working on the memorial plaque has broken his fingers and damaged his back and therefore Bill was not in a position to bring the completed memorial stone to the meeting. However he was hopeful that it would be ready in time for the next PC meeting.</p> <p>GDPR</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that all of the documents approved at the last PC meeting had been uploaded onto the PC website and he was currently waiting for Cllrs to set up their dedicated PC email addresses. He also confirmed that Barry Isaacs of Westernweb could assist any Cllrs having difficulty in setting-up the new email address.</p>	
84/18	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that no applications had been received this month.</p>	
126/18	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk referred to needing to respond to the planning application relating to extending the operating hours at Ocean Blocks and Aggregates Ltd at Lee Moor (app no DCC/4082/2018). He confirmed that he had drafted a letter which was given to Cllr Small to distribute to local properties.</p> <p>It was agreed that due to the noise concerns (particularly during the evenings) that the PC support the application but on the basis of a temporary consent, with a strict condition attached relating to the monitoring of noise levels. The Clerk agreed to respond on this basis.</p>	Clerk
127/18	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that he had unfortunately missed the last meeting of the Hemerdon Mine Local Liaison Group. Apart from this he had nothing further to add.</p>	
128/18	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that Cllr Taffurelli had attended the most recent meeting of the I&DALC but unfortunately could not provide an update as he was away whilst the Chairman missed the last Local Liaison Meeting of Hemerdon Mine. Therefore there were no reports.</p>	
129/18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month, the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Royal Mail regarding scam mail. • Minutes of the last meeting of the Local Liaison Group for 	

130/18	<p>Hemerdon Mine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from HMRC regarding changes to VAT126 reclaims. • Email from South Devon AONB on consultation for minor changes to the 2014-2019 Management Plan. Details can be found at: www.southdevonaonb.org.uk • Email from Wolf detailing the Noise and Vibration Management Plan. <p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed on the 25th September 2018 there was the sum of £21,667.21 in the Treasurers Account and this included the second annual precept payment of £5564.00 from SHDC. The Clerk also confirmed that he was due to shortly submit a VAT return for the previous financial year.</p> <p>Confirmation had been received from the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP that there were no issues with this year's Annual Return and all submitted paperwork had been returned to the Clerk. The notice for completion of the audit had been posted on the website in accordance with agreed procedures.</p>	
131/18	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £18.00 cheque to WesternWeb Ltd (email set-up for Cllr) £782.41 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £205.00 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages) £240.00 BACS payment to SHDC (Insurance and inspection of Wotter Play Area) £240.00 BACS payment to SHDC (Insurance and inspection of Lee Moor Play Area) £240.00 cheque to PKF Littlejohn LLP (Annual Return 2017-18)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> £5564.00 BACS payment from SHDC (second annual precept payment)</p>	
132/18	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The only outstanding maintenance item related to the re-painting of the red phone box in Wotter which was adopted by the PC and now used as a library. Cllr Taffurelli agreed to purchase the paint and organise for these works to be undertaken which would then be paid by the PC. It was also clarified that all the works to Wotter play area had now been completed.</p>	Cllr Taffurelli
133/18	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at Lee Moor Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p>	

	The meeting closed at 8.54 pm.	
	Signed:.....Chairman	
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